



SAN DIEGO DX CLUB

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Our Next Meeting

Wednesday September 25, 2002

The Hindquarter Restaurant, 7040 Miramar Road
Social Hour, 5:30 P.M. - Dinner, 6:30 P.M. - Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

Words from our Prez!!

Arnie Lewin W7BIA



The bands are coming off their summer doldrums and even I heard a bit more DX.

I want to thank all the members that are turning out for the meetings. It is extremely heartwarming to see over 30 people attending each of the last two meetings, and our September program should draw even more.

At that meeting, we will be de-briefing Field Day. Many thanks to K6ZH and K6AM for putting Field Day together and the numerous others that set up, operated and “de-mobed” (that’s de-mobilized, to you).

I have heard from a few members that they forgot about past meetings and therefore, didn’t attend. Just as sure as taxes are due on April 15 and God made little green apples, our club meets the fourth Wednesday of the month. We shouldn’t have to mark our calendars, we just know to attend.

We even have a car pool from the coastal North County and if we get any more members in the car, we will have to charter a bus!

With the assistance of our vice-president, K6AM and his expertise in garnering some very interesting programs, there is little excuse for not joining us.

And kudos to NZ6T for redesigning our web site and establishing the Yahoo groups. Now there is almost no excuse for not attending a meeting.

Last month was the ARRL Southwest Convention in Escondido with talks given by our own W6YOO, K6AM, and WA6MHZ. Our past President, K6QK was the DX breakfast chair. I saw many of you at the convention and was gratifying to see the San Diego DX Club well represented.

Also last month, was the summer bash at Wayne Spring’s QTH. At the last minute, I was unable to attend, but I understand our club was well represented.

The San Diego DX Club is alive and continues to gain momentum as a force in the San Diego radio community. I am glad you’re a part of our family. I am looking forward to seeing you on the 25th at the Hindquarter!! Best 73’s to all....and to all, **Good DX**.

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THE SDDXC TOP 10

By John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON RTTY

8/02	8/01	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N6XJ	40	243	245	281	-
2.	2.	W6KUT	40	190	190	243	-
3.	3.	W6YOO	36	220	222	222	+12
4.	4.	W6CN		173	176	185	-
5.	9.	N7CW		28	28	151	+37
6.	5.	K6XT	36	?	?	132	-
7.	6.	N6ND		9	9	129	-
8.	7.	K6KT		36	36	127	-
9.	8.	W6EUF		97	97	121	-
10.	-	W6TUR		8	8	8	NEW

Not too much action reported this year with the noteable exception of Bud, N7CW who's really been rackin 'em up on RTTY. I know you others are making gains, so get those scores in before Bud zips past the rest of the silent pack.

All you need is a sound blaster card and some K6STI software or an old PacRatt to get going. Most of the expeditions are now doing a fair amount of RTTY for The Deserving. We'll be looking for many more entries next year in this fun but under-represented category.

Each month, we will publish a top ten list for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, phone and CW. Please send me your totals for each band and mode throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. My address is 4286 Farley Ct., San Diego, CA 92122, or bring 'em to the meeting.

"How to win FD"

by Jim Price, K6ZH

As we all know, Field Day is not a contest. However when you get many of the top contestants in the world together on FD weekend, we just can't resist putting forth our best effort to get a higher score than everyone else.

That's exactly what happened this past June. Continuing a long tradition at the SDDXC, we put together a top notch team, and set up at an extraordinary site with top notch gear. When the dust settled, we had broken the club's all time record and the west coast record. Plus our score was the third highest ever recorded in category 2A. Did we "win"? Only time will tell when the final results come out, but we all felt like winners.

Join us this month and see the pictures, the charts and the details of this record breaking effort.

TREASURER'S Report

August 31, 2002



Balance as of July 31, 2002: \$2,327.01

Income:

Share of Visalia DX Convention: 2,000.00
Dinner Receipts: 20.00
TOTAL: 2,020.00

Expenses:

Speakers Cups (N6BT, NZ6T) 25.86
Postage: 8.35
Speaker's Cups (K6QK, K6NA, W6YA) 38.79
Dinner Expenses: 15.00
TOTAL: 88.00

Balance as of August 31, 2002: \$4,259.01

Petty Cash on Hand: 20.00

Total of Checking and Petty Cash: \$4,279.01

CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 28, 2002

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on August 28, 2002 at the Hindquarter Restaurant. President Arnie, W7BIA, called the meeting to order at 6:46 PM in order to start the Roundtable early. There were 31 members and guests present.

As usual the DX Roundtable was interesting and it was pointed out that the annual submission of QSL cards for updating one's standing on the ARRL DXCC List was due no later than September 30, 2002.

John, K6AM, announced the Top Ten List for the RTTY mode with Dave, N6XJ leading the pack with 281. Nice going Dave! As an aside, those wishing to forego the cost of a TNC and an expensive computer program, look up MMTTY's web page and download a FREE Windows based RTTY program that uses your computer's sound-card. Neat!

President Arnie, W7BIA, presented one of the new speaker's cups, suitably engraved to Past President Harv Hiller, K6QK, and one to Newsletter Editor and Webmaster, Tuck Miller, NZ6T.

Treasurer Harry, W6YOO, announced that SDDXC had received \$2,000.00 from SCDCX as our share of the proceeds from the 2001 Visalia DX Convention. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved to send a \$1,000.00 dona-

tion to the Northern California DX Foundation to support future Dxpeditions.

President Arnie, W7BIA announced that the SDDXC Annual Holiday Party would be held at the home of Uncle Ed, W6KUT, on Saturday, December 7, 2002 with a format similar to those held at Gayle's, K6GO the past two years. With guidance from Ed's daughter who is a professional caterer, Gayle, K6GO who has two parties worth of experience, and Treasurer Harry, W6YOO and his YL Jerry, W6JAC who developed the food and beverage requirements list, Ed will have adequate logistical support. Sooooo, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

PROGRAM

Our program consisted of a slide presentation and discussion of the World Radio Team Championship which took place in Finland on the same weekend as the IARU Championship. Our presenters were CQ Hall of Fame member, Glenn, K6NA and noted contesteer, Jim, W6YA, who traveled to Finland to observe the contest which saw fifty-two two-man teams competing against each other. It was a fascinating presentation, especially how Jim can connect a callsign with every face shown on the screen. What sort of memory pills do you take Jim? As presenters Glenn and Jim received cups engraved with the club logo and their name and call.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM. Collecting for the dinner was Phil, N6WHK. Thanks Phil!

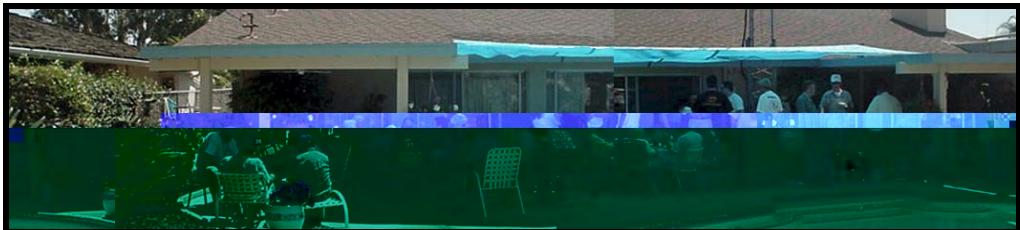
Respectfully submitted:

HARRY A. HODGES, W6YOO
Secretary/Treasurer

Web Site and Meeting Reminders

Have you visited the web site lately? Go to www.qsl.net/sddxc to catch up on all the latest stuff. Top Ten list, the Ladder and a whole lot more, even a poll. Feel free to suggest poll questions. Meeting announcements are also sent out each month, as well as alerting you when the newest newsletter is available.

Look at ALL the people!!



2002 Summer Bash at Wayne W6IRD and Sharon Springs House.



Enjoying Festivities



Dick Shanks W6BZE

**Our
President
Emeritus**



From one side of the room,



to the other



everyone enjoys their FOOD!

HELPFULL HINTS

Here is another source of “real time” DX spots; however, all of the “spotters” are located in the U.S. so when you see the spot you might be able to hear the DX rather than when it is spotted by a DL or an OH. To access, connect to your ISP, click on START, then click on RUN. Enter the following: telnet 128.111.56.240 then click on OK. A dialog screen will appear asking for your call sign and after you have entered that it will ask for your password. Use whatever comes to mind but write it down for the next time. The location of this cluster is I believe in Santa Barbara. Enjoy the DX! GL Harry, W6YOO

You can WIN this!!



The above quilt will be raffled off at the next International DX convention held in Visalia, Ca during the first weekend in May 2003. Tickets are 1 for \$1, 6 for \$5, and 13 for \$10. The queen size quilt will be given away the last day of the convention.

ARLB055 ARRL officials upbeat about reaching 5-MHz compromise

ARRL President Jim Haynie, W5JBP, and General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, say they're optimistic about reaching a resolution to issues that could otherwise block plans for a new 5 MHz band. Until surprise opposition surfaced from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), the FCC appeared to have put ARRL's request for a new, domestic-only, secondary amateur allocation at 60 meters on the fast track.

In an eleventh-hour move a month ago, the NTIA recommended in a letter to the FCC--sent after the comment deadline--that the Commission not go forward with a proposal for an Amateur Radio allocation at 5250 to 5400 kHz. The NTIA regulates radio spectrum allocated to the federal government.

"We are working together with the Federal agencies involved toward a solution of the impasse raised by the NTIA letter," Imlay said after he and Haynie attended a series of meetings September 19 in Washington, DC.

In an August 21 letter, acting NTIA Associate Administrator for Spectrum Management Fredrick R. Wentland worried that the 5 MHz proposal the FCC put forth last May at the ARRL's request "does not adequately provide for protection from harmful interference to these critical government operations" in the band.

After initially huddling this week with NTIA and FCC officials and staff members, Haynie and Imlay met face-to-face with representatives of the agencies involved to share mutual concerns.

"They are willing to work with us," Haynie said. "I don't think we'll get everything we want, but it's certainly a start." One difficulty in the negotiations is that some of the information on the government's use of the 5-MHz frequencies involved is classified.

Imlay said the discussions tended to center on power restrictions and frequencies but emphasized that no decisions were reached. The ARRL proposal called for a 150-kHz wide band and the full legal power limit. Imlay hinted, however, that perhaps a smaller band than the one requested coupled with some power output limitations, was a real possibility.

The ARRL has called the 5 MHz allocation "an urgent priority of the Amateur Service." Until the latest snafu, the FCC had been expected by early next year to issue a Report and Order on proposals for the 5-MHz band, a new low-frequency allocation in the vicinity of 136 kHz and primary Amateur and Amateur-Satellite status at 2400 to 2402 MHz.

Local VHF Frequencies For Dxers

Frequency	Call	Mode	Other Info
144.415	QRZ?	Simplex Voice announcing and chat frequency.	
144.950	KM6K	Packet	San Diego Central
145.690	K6KT	Packet	North County inland

The packet cluster nodes are privately operated.
The Sysops have kindly invited the SDDXC members to use
their equipment.



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